

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: YAMAMOTO, et al.

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For: HEAT INSULATING WALL MEMBER, AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Group:

Examiner:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 12, 2000

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks for examination  
in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 11, line 1, delete "claim 1 or".

Please insert the following new claim:

a' 17. The heat insulating wall according to claim 1, wherein said predetermined size is  
set to be equal to a depth of a base hole for inserting a fastening member plus an appropriate  
clearance.--